

'Learning, Growing and Achieving Together'

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Upcoming Events



We have some exciting events coming up in school over the next few weeks. We will continue to share these in our fortnightly Newsletters, and Primary Guardians of Year 6 pupils, have received a detailed letter about leavers events coming up for the remainder of term, via email.

Non-uniform day

On Thursday 23 June, we will be holding a fundraising non-uniform day for our FOBBS group (Friends of Barlby Bridge School). This will be to raise money for our Summer Fair! On the day, we will be accepting cash donations to go straight to FOBBS, or tombola donations for the Fair.



Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair will take place on Thursday 30 June at 3:10pm after school, with an end time of 4:30pm. We are excited to welcome back our ice cream van; stalls and games; races; refreshments; and a photobooth! We would like to ask guardians to bring donations of cakes (either homemade or shop bought) on the morning of the Fair.



School Discos

Our School Discos are taking place on Thursday 14 July at a cost of £2 per child. There will also be refreshments to purchase at an approximate cost of £2.50. The disco times are as follows:

*Key Stage 1 – 3:15-4:00pm; *Key Stage 2 – 4:00pm-5:00pm; *Year 6 – 5:00-6:00pm.

We will be sending home a letter with more details, including collection and walk-home permissions.

Sports Day



Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 22 June. The children have already been training very hard and looking forward to this event, something which the whole school community is looking forward to after Covid restrictions.

Parent / Carer arrival will be from 1:10pm to the side gate by the main office, for a 1:15pm start, and Sports Day will end at 3pm with children returning to classrooms and dismissed at normal finish times. FOBBS will provide refreshments.



Please can you help us by ensuring that your child has their PE kit with them in school in the coming weeks for PE lessons focused on Sports Day preparation, and for the day itself. This includes appropriate footwear in the right shoesize, black shorts and House tshirt. If the weather is expected to be sunny, please apply sunscreen before the start of the school day and provide a hat.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.





Staffing update



This update is to let you know that two longstanding members of our team, Mrs Cockerham and Mrs McManaman will be leaving Barlby Bridge at the end of this term due to retirement. Mrs Cockerham attended the school as a pupil and has worked at Barlby Bridge for 38 years, since starting out as a Nursery Nurse, and Mrs McManaman for 18 years. In that time, both ladies have been extremely committed to their roles, the children and community at Barlby Bridge. Their hard work and dedication has made a difference to so many pupils in our school past and present. We are in the process of recruiting new staff into these roles for September and will update you once the positions are secured.

Mrs Hosford will also be leaving the school at the end of the summer term, and we extend our thanks to her for the hard work and her dedication to the many roles she has had during her 5 years at Barlby Bridge: including as acting Deputy Headteacher; English and Science lead; and of course, as class teacher in KS2. We wish Mrs Hosford every success in her future endeavours.

A staffing and classes update for September will be published in the next newsletter once the recruitment processes have been completed.

I am also pleased to inform you that we have successfully recruited an Acting Deputy Headteacher to cover Mr Dyer's secondment from school next academic year, and more information about the successful candidate will follow.

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 20 June	Class Photographs
Wednesday 22 June	Sports Day
Thursday 23 June	Non-uniform day
Friday 24 June	Rockets (Nursery) Sports Day
Monday 27 June	Year 5 Visit to Selby High
Monday 27 June	Open Afternoon for new Reception pupils
Tuesday 28 Jun	Open Evening for new Reception pupils
Thursday 30 June	Summer Fair
Monday 11 July	Health, Sports and Wellbeing week
Thursday 14 July	Year 5 Song of Selby
Thursday 14 July	School Discos (after school)
Tuesday 19 July	Leavers production
Friday 22 July	Last day of term

Barlby Bridge School Nursery

- * Meet our dedicated teachers
- * View our outstanding facilities
- * Various activities to enjoy
- * Refreshments

Open Day

Saturday 18th June
10:00 - 12:00

Exceptional Leave during Term Time

The school office is receiving a high volume of Exceptional Circumstances requests for leave in term time. Taking children out of school for this prolonged length of time has a detrimental effect on their learning and social connections in school and we strongly advise against it.

School is not able to authorise any requests for leave of absence unless the exceptional circumstances criteria are met, and evidence provided. It is worrying to note that there are families taking children out of school without completing absence of leave forms or notifying the office. This presents a Safeguarding issue and may mean in certain circumstances that other authorities such as Children and Social Care are notified. Please note that the school may still issue penalty fines to families for absence of leave taken in term time, regardless of whether a request has been made. It is essential that all absences are reported to the office from the first day that the child is absent from school to ensure the records and updated.

At the end of this academic year, all children will receive an attendance overview in their end of year report and meetings will be arranged in September. Full guidance on North Yorkshire County Council's exceptional circumstances, is attached as an additional letter to this Barlby Bridge Community Primary School Newsletter.



APPLICATION FOR PUPIL LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES DURING TERM TIME

This form should be completed by the parent/carer and returned to the school as far in advance as possible and preferably at least **6 weeks** before the first date of the period of leave being requested. Parents/carers must obtain the schools permission **before making any arrangements for leave in exceptional circumstances, otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.**

No parent/carer can demand leave of absence as of right. The Education regulations state that applications for leave must be made in advance by a parent with whom the child lives and can only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances. Each application is considered individually by the school.

The following are examples of the criteria for leave of absence, which may be considered as 'exceptional':

- Service personnel returning from active deployment
- Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production or confirmation from the organisation/company
- Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided
- When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis

Please note: Head teachers would not be expected to class any term time holiday as exceptional

This is not an exhaustive list and Head teachers must consider the individual circumstances of each case when making a decision on this matter. Where a Head teacher feels that there may be exceptional circumstances which do not fit the criteria, they may refer to the local authority for advice. The decision of the Head teacher is final. Parents who take a child on leave in term time without the permission of the school risk being issued with a penalty notice fine for unauthorised absences.

Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Before completing this application form parent/carers are asked to consider the effect on their child's continuity of education.